

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the instant application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

More specifically, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, as described below:

Group I Claims 1-27, drawn to piperazine-based compounds of formula (I) and compositions including same.

Group II Claims 28-29, drawn processes of preparing the compositions of Group I.

The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I. Claims 28-29 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

In addition, the Applicant hereby elects for prosecution on the merits the compound of Example 8. New claim 30 was added to claim the compound of Example 8. No new matter is added.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the one month extension of time fee and any other fee occasioned by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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